

local societies than by any other means, and our consultants should be drawn from among those who have acquired distinction in a truly professional sense.

I am glad to know that we have some active county societies now doing good work in this Province, and those I have had the opportunity of visiting during the past year have convinced me that in every county there should be similar organizations. In Eastern Ontario we have the Rideau and Bathurst, and Cataraqui Societies both of which are in a flourishing condition. In the West we have the County of Huron Society, to which I believe is due the credit of being the oldest county society in the Province, and I am pleased to know that its regular quarterly meetings are well attended and highly appreciated. In other counties, as well as in most of our cities, regular medical societies are maintained and it only requires a little individual effort on the part of the local members to have established and maintained in every county an active medical society as a branch of the Ontario Medical Association. In this connection we must not forget that one of our objects is to form a connecting link between the various city and county societies and the Canada Medical Association.

My predecessors in office have alluded to the friendly relations which should exist between this Association and the parent body (The Canada Medical Association). I can only reiterate what they have said, and may add that I trust many members of the profession in this Province will attend the next meeting of the Dominion Association, to be held at Banff, on the 12th of August. The arrangements which have been made by the executive officers for this trip are very complete, and those who can, should avail themselves of the privilege of participating in what promises to be one of the most enjoyable events that has ever been decided upon for pleasure and information of Canadian medical men and their families.

The establishment of the Ontario Medical Library during the past year will, I trust, be appreciated by every medical man in Ontario, and I have pleasure in commending it to the beneficent support of the profession. The formation of a Museum should also be taken into consideration as a counterpart to the medical library. As Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson has said, "They are twin

institutions, having for their common aim the advance of knowledge. The library may be defined to be a collection of knowledge documents, in a literary form, for the most part printed; the museum a collection in concrete form of the materials out of which knowledge is built up and by which it is illustrated." The large and elegantly appointed building erected by the College of Physicians and Surgeons will furnish ample accommodation for what I believe would soon become the literary centre for the scientific activities of the profession in Ontario. In political circles we hear sometimes of the Eastern portion of the Province being envious of the rapid advancement of the Central and Western portion, but I can assure you that in *res medicales* no jealousy nor envy has arisen, and we would rejoice to see established in the capital of this fair Province the nucleus of what will develop in the future into a great "Exchange," where each may bring the results of his professional labors and there compare them with what his fellow-laborer may have accomplished towards the same end. I use the word "Exchange" advisedly, because I believe that with the future increased growth of our library it will be possible to send books by post to subscribers in different parts of the Province, while surplus specimens sent to the museum might be exchanged for others of a different character already existing in the museums of the medical schools throughout the country. Thus one of the needs of scientific medicine may be accomplished, and I trust that year by year we may note the growth and enlargement of such a spirit of devotion to a high scientific purpose as shall firmly establish a "Canadian Hunterian Museum and Library" for medical research and investigation, that will become the strongest power in this Province for the advancement of scientific medicine, and furnish a healthy stimulus to professional study in every part of Ontario.

Steps should also be taken towards furnishing greater facilities for post-graduate study, and for promoting pathological research. Now that public sentiment seems in favour of the Government establishing schools of practical science in different parts of the Province, could not we have a small portion of the surplus at present in the public treasury invested to good advantage by money grants to our Universities, on the condition that a